

Awing language

Awing, or **Mbwe'wi**, is a Grassfields Bantu language spoken in Cameroon.

Alphabet

The Awing alphabet was proposed by experts from SIL International and the Cameroon Association For Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL) in 2005. It was since then used for publishing Bible translations, Awing folk stories, and other materials.

The Awing alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet. The letters H, Q, R, V, and X are not used, and several special characters and digraphs, as well as the apostrophe are added.

Awing	
 Mbwe'wi	
Native to	Cameroon
Native speakers	19,000 (2001) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Benue–Congo - Southern Bantoid - Grassfields - Eastern - Ngemba Awing
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	azo
Glottolog	awin1248 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/awin1248) ^[2]

Uppercase	A	B	Ch	D	E	Ɛ	ə	F	G	Gh	I	Ɔ	J	K	ʼ	L	M	N	Ny	Ɗ	O	Ɔ	P	S	Sh	T	Ts	U	W
Lowercase	a	b	ch	d	e	ɛ	ə	f	g	gh	i	ɛ́	j	k	ʼ	l	m	n	ny	ɗ	o	ɔ	p	s	sh	t	ts	u	w
IPA	[a]	[b]	[tʃ]	[d]	[e]	[ɛ]	[ə]	[f]	[g]	[ɣ]	[l]	[ɛ́]	[ʒ], [dʒ]	[k]	[ʔ]	[l̥], [r]	[m]	[n]	[ɲ]	[ŋ]	[o]	[ɔ]	[p]	[s]	[ʃ]	[t̪], [tʰ]	[ts]	[u]	[w], [ɥ]

Long vowels are indicated by repeating the vowel letter.

⟨n⟩, ⟨m⟩, ⟨ŋ⟩, and ⟨ny⟩ may be syllabic nasals ([ŋ], [m̩], [ŋ̩], [ɲ̩]).

Tones are indicated using diacritics on the first vowel or nasal of the syllable. Both high and mid tone are marked with the acute accent, and the low tone is not explicitly written:

Tone	IPA	Grapheme
High	á	á
Mid	ǎ	
Low	à	a
Rising	ǎ́	ǎ́
Falling	â	â

Diaeresis on the vowel before the verb marks the habitual aspect.

External links

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